

# Digital Health Center of Excellence

Empowering digital health stakeholders to advance health care

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## TRANSPARENCY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / MACHINE LEARNING (AI/ML)-ENABLED MEDICAL DEVICES: FDA VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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# Advances in AI/ML

## *Transforming Health Systems and Daily Lives*



Early Diagnosis



Facilitate Prevention



Manage Chronic Conditions



Access to Real-World Data

**Some of the greatest benefits are AI/ML's ability to learn from real-world use and experience, and its capability to improve its performance.**

# Unique Considerations

We recognize the need for careful oversight to **ensure the benefits** of these advanced technologies **outweigh the risks** to patients.



Usability

Trust

Equity

Accountability



# Proposing a Regulatory Framework

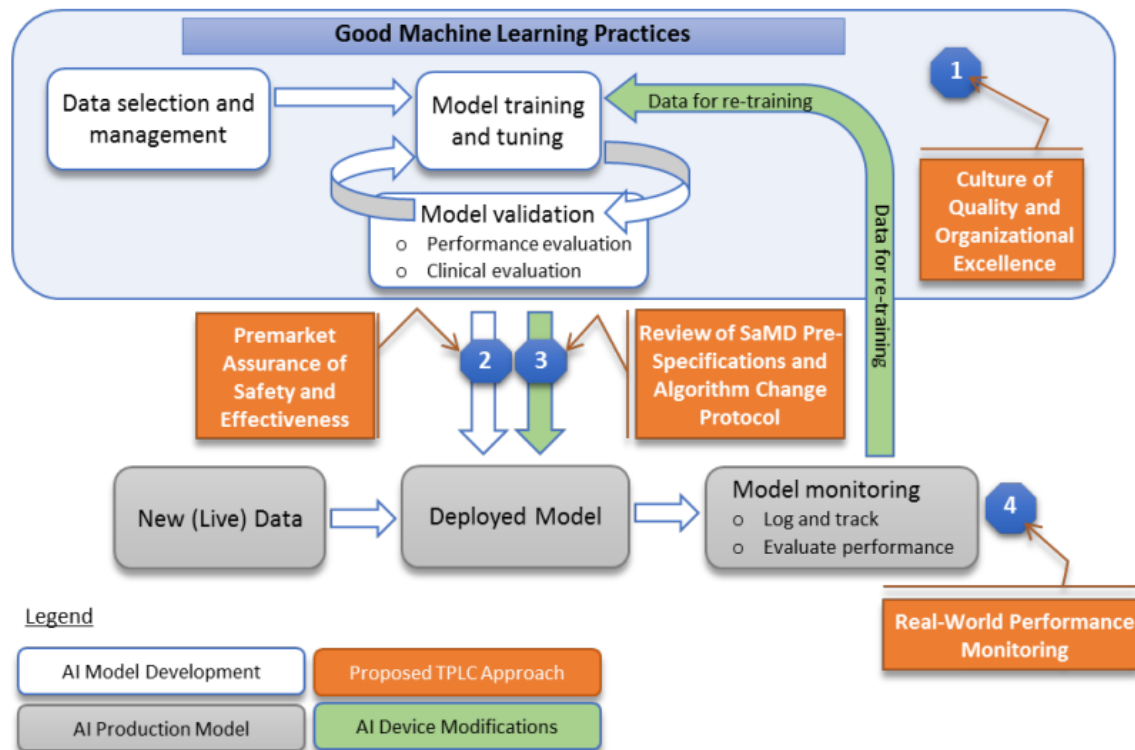


Figure 2: Overlay of FDA's TPLC approach on AI/ML workflow

*Published in 2019*

## Discussion Paper and Request for Feedback

- Received stakeholder feedback through:
  - > 1,000 comments on public docket
  - > 30 publications in peer-reviewed journals
  - Pre-submission meetings on AI/ML devices
  - Patient Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting

# Partnering to Foster Responsible Innovation

*Launched in 2020*

## FDA's Digital Health Center of Excellence

- Part of the planned evolution of the digital health program
- Aligning strategy with implementation
- Driving synergy for digital health efforts
- Preparing FDA for the digital health future



# Next Steps: Tailoring a Regulatory Framework

## Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Based Software as a Medical Device (SaMD) Action Plan

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## Action Plan for AI/ML-Based SaMD

Outlines five next steps to advancing access:

1. Update the proposed AI/ML regulatory framework
2. Strengthen FDA's role in harmonizing GMLP
3. Foster a patient-centered approach
4. Support development of regulatory science methods
5. Advance real-world performance pilots

# Understanding Transparency



Transparency is crucial to help providers and patients **make informed decisions** about their use of a device with AI/ML capabilities.

Source: [The Medical Futurist](https://www.themedicalfuturist.com/)

# Transparency for All Users



## Common User Questions:

- *How does it work?*
- *How does it influence care?*
- *Will it work for my patient in a particular environment?*
- *What is being done with my data?*
- *What do I need to know?*
- *What are the benefits? Risks? Limitations?*



# Collaborating with You



## Our Goal is to Hear from You!

- Establishing safety and effectiveness
- Considerations for achieving transparency for users
- Lessons learned in the real world
- Possible means of promoting transparency

**Please submit your comments regarding the workshop to [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)  
Docket No. FDA-2019-N-1185 by November 15, 2021.**